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**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**March 24, 2009  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

**In Attendance:**

Abrishami, Lori  
Cooper, Keith  
Litschi, Michael  
Medina, Shirley

MTA  
KF Jones & Stokes  
OCTA  
RCTC

**SCAG Staff**

Ayala, Rosemary  
Kuo, Ryan  
Luo, Rongsheng  
Mann, Betty  
Nadler, Jonathan

**Via Teleconference:**

Alvarez, Grace  
Behtash, Arman  
Brady, Mike  
Cacatian, Ben  
Estrada, Romeo  
Fagan, Paul  
Gallo, Ilene  
Jeffrey, Edison  
Marquez, Jose  
O'Conner, Karina  
Odufalu, Olufemi  
Poe, Lisa  
Sells, Eyvonne  
Wade, Dennis  
Walecka, Carla  
Yoon, Andrew

RCTC  
Caltrans, District 12  
Caltrans Headquarters  
VCAPCD  
Caltrans, District 12  
Caltrans, District 8  
Caltrans Headquarters  
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Caltrans, District 11  
EPA, Region 9  
Caltrans, District 8  
SANBAG  
AQMD  
ARB  
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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Shirley Medina, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 TCWG February 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 RTIP Update

Rosemary Ayala, SCAG, reported the following:

- Amendments #6 (a regular non-stimulus amendment) and #8 (an economic stimulus amendment) have received state approval and are pending federal approval.
- Amendment #9 is posted on SCAG website undergoing public review.
- SCAG is working on two economic stimulus Amendments #11 (a regular amendment) and #12 (administrative modification) and hopes to send out to agencies this week and post on the web next week.

4.2 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The Santa Ana Regional Transportation and Motor Center, requested by OCTA to be included in the Strategic Plan, will be brought to TC for their approval in April. TC approval is anticipated.
- The I-8/SR86 interchange project in Imperial County does not need an amendment because it is determined that it is not a capacity enhancing project.

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- P&P TAC meeting will be held this afternoon to start a dialogue on transportation investment framework by which projects will be included into the RTP.

4.3 SB 375 Update

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, reported the following:

- The March SB375 Joint Policy Committees Workshop was well attended. An overview of preliminary methodologies, approaches, and challenges was presented.
- CEHD approved the conceptual methodology paper which has been posted online (<http://www.scag.ca.gov/pptac/pdfs/agendas/032409/pptac032409-4-2-1.pdf>).
- SCAG has been participating in CARB RTAC and RTAC subcommittee meetings.
- Caltrans is updating RTP guidelines in coordination with RTAC.
- P&P TAC will further discuss methodology and conceptual SCS this afternoon.

4.4 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) **RIV011232**

(<http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-1RIV011232Interchange.pdf>)

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009*).

2) **SBD 4M07035 and 34011**

([http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-5SBD4M07035and34011SR138Widening\\_000.pdf](http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-5SBD4M07035and34011SR138Widening_000.pdf))

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- 3) **SBD 08-2000049 and SDB97147**  
([http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-13SBD08-2000049andSDB97147RoadwayRealignment\\_000.pdf](http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-13SBD08-2000049andSDB97147RoadwayRealignment_000.pdf))

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009*).

- 4) **SBD 20041201 (updated)**  
([http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-19SBD20041201TransferFacility\\_003.pdf](http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-19SBD20041201TransferFacility_003.pdf))

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009 and updated form including additional information requested by TCWG has been posted.*)

- 5) **SBD 200417**  
([http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-23SBD200417Signal\\_000.pdf](http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-23SBD200417Signal_000.pdf))

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009*).

- 6) **SBD 200078 (updated)**  
([http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-27SBD200078Parking\\_001.pdf](http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-27SBD200078Parking_001.pdf))

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009 and updated form including additional information requested by TCWG has been posted.*)

- 7) **SBD 200064**  
([http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-32SBD200064Colton-Washington\\_000.pdf](http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-32SBD200064Colton-Washington_000.pdf))

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009*).

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- 8) **SBD No RTIP ID Colton-Valley**  
([http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-36SBDNoRTIPIDColton-Valley\\_000.pdf](http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-36SBDNoRTIPIDColton-Valley_000.pdf))

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009*).

- 9) **LALS06**  
(<http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/projectlist/documents/Item4.4-41LALS06IntersectionSignalization.pdf>)

It was determined that this is not a POAQC pending FHWA concurrence (*FHWA concurred on March 26, 2009*).

#### 4.5 ARB Update

Dennis Wade, ARB, updated the Committee on the following two items:

- *EMFAC 2010:*
  - No change to the update last month. A draft of the model is expected to be released late 2009 or early 2010. It is anticipated that the model will be submitted to the USEPA for approval by the end of 2010.
  - Compared to the EMFAC2007, the EMFAC2010 will include at minimum two updates: any new regulations that have been adopted since EMFAC 2007 was released in November of 2006; the latest DMV auto fleet data and other latest planning assumptions. Other updates may also be included as resources allow.
- *ARB Revised 8-Hour Ozone Area Designation Recommendations* - At the last Board meeting, the ARB Board heard Staff's recommendations for area designations for the new federal 2008 Ozone standard. There were a few changes to the staff report. The one that impacts SCAG region is that the north-eastern portion of San Bernardino County will be recommended as a new non-attainment area separate from the existing non-attainment area. The reason for the separate new area is that it will have lower classifications and the new area should attain sooner than the rest of the county. The recommendations were submitted to EPA on March 11 and EPA is required to notify the state 120 days prior to new designation if there are any departures from ARB recommendations, some time in November.

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**5.0    INFORMATION SHARING**

Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters, informed the group that the agenda for the next Statewide TCWG Meeting to be held at SCAG on May 20 will not be sent out until at least middle of April. Mr. Brady requested that proposed agenda items, if any, be sent to him.

Eyvonne Sells, SCAQMD, suggested that meeting minutes include questions and answers made during discussions. Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, responded that the meeting minutes should only include important decision points given the generally back-and-forth nature of TCWG discussions. SCAG staff strives to ensure the minutes reflect the relevant portions of the discussions. In addition, the meeting minutes are subject to review by TCWG members and edits are made as appropriate prior to approval.

**6.0    ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the TCWG will be held on April 28, 2009.